Minutes of the Centerville City Council work session held Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 5:35 p.m., with participants present at City Hall, 250 North Main Street, and via Zoom.

Mayor

MEMBERS PRESENT

Clark Wilkinson

Council Members

Gina Hirst William Ince George McEwan Robyn Mecham

Spencer Summerhays

STAFF PRESENT

Brant Hanson, City Manager Lisa Romney, City Attorney Jennifer Hansen, City Recorder

Jacob Smith. Administrative Services Director

Nate Plaizier, Finance Director Bryce King, Recreation Coordinator

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VISITORS

Senator Todd Weiler Senator Stuart Adams

Representative Tim Hawkes

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DISCUSSION WITH STATE LEGISLATORS

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Senator Todd Weiler said he anticipated the current drought situation, affordable housing, election versus appointment of the State School Board, and voting laws would be significant issues during the 2022 Legislative Session. Senator Weiler expressed the opinion that public education was an important factor in water conservation. Senator Stuart Adams spoke of incentivizing developers to xeriscape front yards. He suggested water conservation was an issue that would be best regulated on a city-level. Representative Tim Hawkes said he agreed that incentives would be a good approach.

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The Legislators and City Council discussed economic development and the current labor shortage. Councilmember Mecham commented that some Centerville businesses were struggling to find enough workers. She referred to comments about density and affordable housing, and said she had found that rental units in the densest areas of the City were more expensive than rental units in the less dense areas. She stated density did not equal affordable housing.

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The Legislators commented on continuing population growth in Utah. Representative Hawkes said the State had sufficient drinking water for the population growth, but did not have sufficient secondary water to support an increase in half-acre lots with grass. Senator Adams commented that interest rates were expected to go up, and when interest rates went up, the demand for housing tended to go down. He said he expected there would be pressure for smaller, denser homes. Councilmember Summerhays commented there were many young families and retirees/empty nesters who did not want a yard they needed to care for. He suggested density was a natural reflection of what people actually wanted.

their time. The work session adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

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Mayor Wilkinson said at least one Councilmember had expressed a desire for the

The Legislators shared contact information. Mayor Wilkinson thanked the Legislators for

Legislators to address the current jail system. Senator Weiler spoke of the 2015 Justice

Reinvestment Initiative and some of the adjustments currently discussed.

